

## Catherine Dorau

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**Subject:** FW: Meeting at ASD Last evening

### LATE ITEM # 4 – two emails:

**From:** Rennie Polk <Rennie.Polk@asd-1817.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 5, 2018 1:53 PM  
**To:** Catherine Dorau <cdorau@WestHartfordCT.gov>  
**Cc:** Todd Dumais <Todd.Dumais@WestHartfordCT.gov>; Brittany Bermingham <Brittany.Bermingham@WestHartfordCT.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting at ASD Last evening

Catherine, I forgot one question that was asked by the attendees last evening and that was where we were going to relocate the basketball "court" – Jeff's answer was that we were uncertain of where that would go at this time.

Thanks. Rennie

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**From:** Catherine Dorau <cdorau@WestHartfordCT.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 05, 2018 11:17 AM  
**To:** Rennie Polk <Rennie.Polk@asd-1817.org>  
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Rennie,  
Thank you for your detailed report. We will include your email as a late item of information at tonight's TPZ meeting.  
Best Regards,

Catherine Dorau  
Associate Planner

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**From:** Rennie Polk <Rennie.Polk@asd-1817.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 5, 2018 10:54 AM  
**To:** Catherine Dorau <cdorau@WestHartfordCT.gov>  
**Subject:** Meeting at ASD Last evening

Good morning Catherine,

Jeff Bravin forwarded your email this morning regarding the meeting held last evening for the neighbors. I was present along with Jeff, his interpreter, Marie Langill, and Jennifer Pizzoferrato, Director of Finance. Three neighbors attended the meeting; Marissa Mittelstaedt, Karen and Leo Harrington and Rick Thibodeau (his first meeting)\*. Jeff provided the group with the new plans, although both the Harrington's and Ms. Mittelstaedt had received the plans last week along with the explanation on how these new plans were addressing the concerns (distance from the neighbor perimeters, play structures that might be cause privacy issues for neighbors, buffers/screening, sound features which will be disabled) brought up from the first meeting in August.

Questions that arose were:

1. What size of the trees/shrubs that will be planted as a buffer? The trees will anywhere from 7' (green arborvitae) – 16' (Armstrong Maple) at time of planting

2. How many students would be on the playground during the day and approximate times? ASD has 50 students in the elementary program and will have access to the playground from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. (spring/fall and after school only 12 dorm students would use the playground)
3. Would there be any additional lighting on the playground? (there is no additional lighting as part of the plan)
4. What other sites were considered by ASD for the playground and why they would not work based on budget constraints? ASD considered 5 other sites but draining and retaining walls would cost the school more than budgeted for the project
5. Why ASD did not consider property values when designing the playground? The students at ASD currently do not have an adequate playground on which students can play and learn which is ADA accessible. This new playground will provide an opportunity for *all elementary and middle school* students to participate in outdoor activities. The location chosen best suits the needs of the students and is within the budget allotted for the project. We hope that the redesign of this project would be a suitable compromise for the neighbors as we have provided more landscaping to give our neighbors as much privacy as possible.

There were no other questions or concerns raised. Jeff thanked everyone who attended.

Please let me know if you have any further questions about last night's meeting. I look forward to meeting you this evening.

Thank you  
Rennie Polk

\* Rick Thibodeau had contacted ASD early in the summer to request the use of our new Vocational Communication Center in late September for a meeting of all Wyndwood Road to discuss it's history. As a neighbor, we said, of course, and will not be charging the association to hold the meeting at ASD.

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